



## **CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**September 24, 2012**

**7:00 pm**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bennett called the Study Session of the Burien City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Bennett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Brian Bennett; Deputy Mayor Rose Clark; Councilmembers Jack Block, Jr.; Bob Edgar; Lucy Krakowiak; Joan McGilton; and, Gerald F. Robison.

Administrative staff present: Mike Martin, City Manager; Craig Knutson, City Attorney; Kim Krause, Finance Director; Nhan Nguyen, Management Analyst; and, Kathy Wetherbee, Administrative Assistant.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Discussion on White Center and Boulevard Park Libraries.**

Councilmembers spoke to reaffirming their commitment to keep the libraries in the present locations, creating an oversight committee of elected officials, reiterating their concerns that the allocated bond monies may not be spent in this area when taxes have been paid by the citizens for the past several years, being an advocate for the citizens and noting that annexation is a very important factor when deciding on the placement of the libraries.

Chestine Edgar, 1811 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, Burien

Ms. Edgar spoke to 2011 Library Service Area Analysis report and stated that the Council should be cautious to bring a resolution forward for agencies the City does not control.

Rachel Levine, 430 South 124<sup>th</sup> Street, Burien

Ms. Levine spoke to the 2011 Library Service Area Analysis report and stated that the King County Library Board decided to postpone the capital improvement plans on the White Center Library until annexation has been decided.

Goodspaceguy, 10219 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Seattle

Mr. Goodspaceguy stated he regards the library as a "Do it yourself university" and expressed his pleasure with the King County Library System.

Bob Price, 10905 A Glen Acres Drive South, Boulevard Park

Mr. Price spoke to the use of the White Center Library by the kids, and stated that the local politicians need to follow through with their promises.

Phillip Levine, 430 South 124<sup>th</sup> Street, Burien

Mr. Levine spoke to his understanding of conflict of interest, and stated his pleasure in the Councils' support of the libraries.

Bill Ptacek, King County Library System

Mr. Ptacek, Director, spoke to operating costs and stated that the White Center and Boulevard Park libraries are two of the most expensive to operate on the cost per circulation and the King County Library Board's continued commitment in this area.

**Discussion on Preliminary Operating Budget.**

**Follow-up**

Staff will make the budget easier to locate on the website, provide how much King County Fire Department's and Highline School District's tax collection is a levy or a voted rate, explore using Community Center funds or Waste Management fees to help fund police officers, collaborate with the Highline School District to hire a security officer at less money than a uniformed School Resource Officer (SRO), and explore raising a onetime tax to the business license fee to pay for an Economic Development study .

Ed Dacy 2016 SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street Burien

Mr. Dacy spoke to property tax values and surface water management fees.

Goodspaceguy, 10219 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Seattle

Mr. Goodspaceguy spoke to government budget constraints and stated extra monies should be used to hire the unemployed at minimum wage to bring down the unemployment rate.

**Review of Study Session Topics and Retreat Notes.**

The Study Session Topics and Retreat Notes were not discussed.

Councilmember McGilton spoke to the King County Metro Ride Free Zone ending September 29, 2012.

Councilmember McGilton provided the City Manager with a letter from the King County Board of Health regarding its Medicine Take Back program to be included in the next Council packet and possibly writing a letter in support of the program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Direction/Action**

**MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Clark, seconded by Councilmember McGilton and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

/s/ Brian Bennett, Mayor

/s/ Kathy Wetherbee, Department Assistant